Members.—But there are many villages which have no panchayat.

Dewan.—That is no difficulty. If you apply to the Deputy Commissioners, steps will be taken to constitute villages into panchayats.

SUBJECT No. 20.

Maintenance of Village Improvement works.

Mr. Ramanna, Srinivaspur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Provision should be made for the annual maintenance of Village Improvement works.

Reply of Government.—An order has issued.

SUBJECT No. 21.

Extension of village sites and places for manure pits.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar.—Sites should be marked in each village for extensions. Lands should be acquired by Government for building model houses.

Dewan.—In some cases the extension of village sites is urgent and in others it is not so.

Mr. G. Narasimhachar.—Town planning must be done first and there should be separate places reserved for storing manure, etc. When lands have to be acquired, there have always been disputes, for the price paid in acquisition is always less than what the owner would get in the open market. Government should acquire the lands at prices offered by sowcars.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri.—The jamabandi officers should make it a point to ascertain whether there are any cases pending of lands required for building houses. In this way half the number of cases may be decided. A Committee was appointed to study this subject and submitted its report to Government.

Revenue Commissioner.—If delays are pointed out we will hurry up the cases.

Mr. Bhima Rao said that he had sent up many petitions. Rs. 320 was paid three years ago. Orders should issue as to the time within which acquisition should be completed.

Reply of Government.—A note will be made and necessary instructions to local officers will issue. If villagers agree, Government can acquire land easily. The urgency in each case may be brought to the notice of local authorities. Government will expedite special cases.

SUBJECT No. 22.

Speedy disposal of darkhasts.

(1) Mr. C. Rasool Khan Anjuman-E-Islamia, Chikmagalur.
(2) Messrs. Adivappa, Venkatagiriappa and Puttappa, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) At present applications for the grant of gomal lands for cultivation drag on for even 12 years. There is no hope of getting the land required within a reasonable time though the Government Order of October 1917 lays stress on immediate disposals. In the interests of agricultural development and the revenues of the State, a ruling may be made that such applications should be treated as granted if not disposed of within a fixed time, or the Deputy Commissioner may be authorised to grant such applications.